Honorable Judge Charles Breyer
Northern District of California
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Dear Honorable Judge Breyer,

Since the mid-1940's the Sullivan Family has been a mainstay in the San Francisco community. A family of businessman, entrepreneurs & city workers; positively contributing to the local communities & city. Raised in the Western Addition, my environment- not itinerant, single parent, or in abject poverty- accorded me everything one would need to be successful & pursue happiness. I monumentally failed! I failed: myself, my children, my family, former clients & all the people who contributed inexorably to my life. The education bestowed, values instilled & resources afforded - all wasted due to the poor choices I made. I was taught to hold myself accountable & take complete responsibility for my actions. And it's been my fullest intent to do so.

How in the world did I end up in this predicament? At the inflection point of meeting UCE 4599, I was a sports agent & involved in the Marijuana industry. The latter's purpose - to provide capital & scale my primary endeavors (former). As an entrepreneur, risk-taking & aptitude to handle failure are prerequisites, however, violence is a risk I was never willing to take. My words inexcusable! My actions indefensible! But it's inconceivable for me to facilitate an act of violence on anyone.

Sad to say, but I was willing to tell UCE 4599 anything to placate & obtain access to what he purported to have: immense wealth. From adolescent to teenager to adult; violence has never been apart of my life. I must profess that violence or murder is something I could not or would not facilitate. The requested Murder-for-Hire was never going to occur.

When I was 22, the mother of my first two children Ms. Natalie Logan, & I were in a contentious relationship. As a new father, attending USF & maintaining a home - I had a single lapse in behavior. Subsequently, this lapse led to a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction with a requirement to attend anger management classes for 52 weeks. The classes taught me a great deal about stress & how to handle volatile relationships / situations. Upon completion my probation was terminated 1yr. into a 3yr. term & the conviction expunged. In 2012, while picking up the children for my weekly court appointed visit, Ms. Logan became hostile & I immediately called the police for help. Applying what I learned in the anger management class, avowing to never repeat past actions, I avoided making a wrong choice twice.

In retrospect, I'm totally disgusted with myself. Day after day, reviewing the affidavits, reliving the events in my head, how did I allow myself to make awful choice after choice for money. The level of compunction I have is ineffable. The worse part - in addition to losing my freedom, career & time - I had the best father imaginable & I became the worst to my family & children.

Your honor, I ask that leniency be given to my co-defendant & cousin, Brandon Jackson. We have known each other since infancy, attended the same schools, played childhood sports together & maintained our relationship well into our adult years. Though each man made his own decisions nor was

I a leader – me being older, higher education, more experience in business & life, I should have stopped us as this situation exacerbated. Coupled with the fact, he had a lot of undue influence. I deeply apologize & ask for forgiveness. I've avowed to never put myself into a situation where my freedom can be taken again. I endeavor to solve some of society's problems using the essential materials of today: Technology. Rest assured, I will never commit another crime for the rest of my life!

Nevertheless, I am guilty of a crime against my country. An indelible stain & disrepute on my name that I must overcome. Henry Ford once said, "Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently." One day I intend to look back at this situation as a seminal & fortuitous event leading into the 2nd half of my life. During my undergraduate studies, the focus of my BA in Business was BIS (Business Information Systems). To further my education & readiness to re-enter society, I'd like to humbly request to be sent to an FCI (Preferably - FCI Lompoc) with a comprehensive Technology Program. Furthermore, it's within a reasonable driving distance allowing me to maintain contact with my family. Having my freedom taken away from me for these past 2 yrs. has had a profound effect on me; a new perspective on life, education, power of study, mastery of a craft, & The Pursuit of Happiness. To truly earn the forgiveness of my family: Wife - Noelle, Children - Armani, Camryn, Tristan & Bronson Sullivan, my friends, community & society - I must recover. I have to become a positive contributor to all again. I will redeem myself by turning "Calamity into Victory".

Sincerely,

M. J. D. Sullivan